

**In the Specification**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 6 of page 3 as follows:

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In database design, it may be desirable to create multiple relationships. A multiple relationship is one where entries in a given table may have a one-to-many relationship to entries in several other tables. Such a relationship can be designed using conventional database schema design methods, as illustrated by the entity relationship diagrams (ERDs) in **Figures 2A** and **2B**. The ERDs in **Figure 2A** illustrate a multiple one-to-many relationship and in **Figure 2B** illustrate a multiple many-to-many. As seen in **Figure 2A**, entity tables A, B<sub>1</sub>, B<sub>2</sub>, B<sub>3</sub>, ..., B<sub>m</sub> have primary keys (PKs)  $a, b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_m$ , respectively, where  $a, b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_m$  are of the same data type. The multiple one-to-many relationship between table A and tables B<sub>1</sub>, B<sub>2</sub>, B<sub>3</sub>, ..., B<sub>m</sub> may be expressed if each given record in A may relate to one or more records in one or more of tables B<sub>1</sub>, B<sub>2</sub>, B<sub>3</sub>, ..., B<sub>m</sub>. Such is illustrated in **Figure 2A** by the foreign keys (FK) of Table A each pointing to the tables B<sub>1</sub>, B<sub>2</sub>, B<sub>3</sub>, ..., B<sub>m</sub>. **Figure 2B** illustrates a conventional design that may be used to express the multiple many-to-many relationship where table A and tables B<sub>1</sub>, B<sub>2</sub>, B<sub>3</sub>, ..., B<sub>m</sub> are related by relationship tables R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, ..., R<sub>m</sub>.

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